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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2005.

The Examiner in the aforementioned Office Action has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121, stating that the claims belong to:

GROUP I, Claims 1-10, drawn to semiconductor devices, and

GROUP II, Claims 11-20, drawn to a method of manufacturing semiconductor devices.

Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of GROUP I, consisting of Claims 1-10 drawn to semiconductor devices, and withdraw from consideration the claims forming GROUP II, as being drawn to non-elected invention, without prejudice to the Applicants' right to file a Divisional or Continuation or Continuation-in-Part patent application for the withdrawn claims.

The election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted, HOROYUKI AKATSU, ET AL.

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